

TEMPERANCE TOPICS

Three Old Saws.
If the world seems cold to you
Kindle fires to warm it!
Let their comfort hide from view
Winters that deform it.
Hear as frozen as your own
To that radiance gather;
You will soon forget to moan
"Ah! the cold weather!"

If the world's a wilderness,
Go build houses in it!
Will it help your loneliness
On the winds to din it?
Raise a hut, however slight;
Weeds and brambles smother;
And to roof and meal invite
Some forlorn brother.

If the world's a vale of tears
Smile till rainbows span it!
Breathe the love that life endears,
Clear from clouds to fan it.
Of your gladness lend a gleam
Unto souls that shiver;
Show them how dark sorrow's stream
Blends with Hope's bright river!

—Lucy Lacom.

To Check Drinking.
The "S. S. S." or "Scottish Self-Control Society," has recently been formed. Three things that members must promise are:

1. Not to drink intoxicants before noon, nor at any time except at a regular meal.
2. Not to "treat," i. e., not to offer or accept alcoholic drink except with a regular meal.
3. Not to give or accept drink in return for services rendered.

The constitution of the society, whose object is "to band Scotchmen all the world over in a league to discourage and withstand over-indulgence in strong drink, is as follows:

1. The society is formed in simple trust in the grace of God imparted by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
2. Although the society is of Scotch origin, men and women of 15 years old and upwards, without distinction of nationality or color, are eligible for membership.

3. The society is meant to supplement, and not to supersede, existing temperance societies, all of whom, it is hoped, will favorably receive this new effort, and give it all possible publicity by means of their organization.

4. Members may take a solemn pledge, or make an honorable mutual agreement to be faithful to their promise, so long as they retain the card of membership. A breach of the agreement, before returning the card, will be regarded as dishonorable.

5. The annual subscription will be at least 1d. a month, or 1s. a year, to be paid monthly or yearly at choice.

The officers are: President, his grace the Duke of Sutherland; vice-presidents, the Earl of Glasgow, G. C. M. G.; the Lord Torphichen; Sir James Colquhoun, Bart; Sir William Muir, K. C. S. I., principal of the University of Edinburgh; the Rev. Professor Charteris, D. D.; Alexander Miller, Esq., F. R. C. S. E., and Colonel J. A. Ferguson. The honorable secretary of the parent society is John Smart, Jr., 18 York place, Edinburgh.

A circular from Mr. Smart is in part as follows: "Our main objects are (1) to put down the silly social system (S. S. S. again) of 'treating,' which leads to much intemperance among all classes; and (2) to persuade people that it is 'bad form' to drink intoxicants at odd hours. We have the highest medical testimony to the fact that morning drinking and 'nipping' are injurious. It is hoped that branches of the society will spring up in every part of the world, especially where no temperance society exists. The title 'Scottish' may be changed to 'Southern,' or 'Strict,' if any particular community so desires. For persons who have already given way to habits of excess, the only cure is total abstinence, but it is thought that vast numbers of persons of all classes may be induced to join our society who would not become teetotalers, and may thus avoid forming habits which tend to intemperance."

Sam Was Their Coding.
"Incredible as it may seem," says James S. Metcalfe, "a Christian and more or less humane impulse was the first cause of the importation of African slaves to America. The Spanish and Portuguese conquerors of the new world carried their religion hand in hand with their swords. They found the natives easily subject to conversion, but that they quickly succumbed to the rigor of the systematic and arduous labor so much needed in the cultivation of the new found lands. The native American could be taught in prayer, but if he were made to work his soul—one of the most valuable assets in the discoveries of those days—could not be exhibited as a live convert to the glory of God and the satisfaction of their most Christian majesties. The labor had to be had and the Portuguese, who knew most of the coasts of the world, belabored them of Africa and its bright inhabitants. At that time the capture of slaves on the coast of Africa was a comparatively easy matter. The coast tribes apprehended danger only from the interior. Their weapons and meth-

ods of defense were primitive and it was not a difficult undertaking for the slavers to approach the coast, surround a village and capture its inhabitants. As time went on and the African learned to know better what the approach of the white men's ships meant, the Guinea and Mozambique coasts became populated only by European slave dealers and their local allies. The greater part of the natives had left the coast for the interior. The white man followed them up the rivers as far as he could go, and the African was forced yet farther into the recesses of his continent, to places where the white slave dealer, on account of distance, disease and the climate, could not penetrate. This led to a new system in the acquirement of slaves and the introduction of a new feature in the trade—the use of rum as a basis of barter for human bodies. Wherever the white man has come in contact with savage races rum has proved the undoing of the latter. In Africa the demoralizing effect of liquor on the native was only equaled by his mad desire for the fleeting happiness of intoxication. For it he would wage war and sell not only his captives but his own people, even his own kin. When the European slave traders found that slaves were not easily to be captured on the coast by their own exertions they entered into treaty with the native kings for their supply and rum became the principal medium of exchange. A sort of system was introduced into the business. On the coast at well-known and accessible points were erected inclosures for the reception of slaves, and here dwelt the white and half-caste traders, close by their so-called 'factories,' ready to receive a caravan from the interior or load a ship from the sea. In the early days of the slave trade it was the practice among the native rulers to sell into slavery only criminals who had infringed against the primitive laws of the tribes or unfortunate accused of witchcraft and prisoners captured in the more or less legitimate wars among those petty rulers. But this failed to supply the steady demand from the coast. No slaves meant no rum and none of the cheap gewgaws dear to the savage heart. Wars and forays then began to be carried on simply for the sake of the captives to be secured. A favorite method was to approach stealthily in the night a peaceful village, surround it and then set fire to the huts. As the natives rushed out in terror those who resisted capture were killed, as well as were the children and the sick and old people who were not worth transportation to the coast. Those who had escaped the blessing of immediate death were bound together in couples and either held for the arrival of the peripatetic slave trader or, if the capture had been made by a regularly organized and equipped expedition from the coast, they were added to the collection of other unhappy creatures secured in similar fashion."—Pearson's Weekly.

Where Do You Stand?
A minister of the gospel and the pastor of one of our churches at Pilot Point, Texas, says E. H. Krone in the Ram's Horn, was heard in a conversation with a business man to say that he believed prohibition was a failure, and that the only correct method was to regulate the liquor traffic by license. Is this the correct view the ministry and the church should take of the liquor question? Now, I differ with him in that I believe that all Christians, or rather those holding church membership, should be prohibitionists from Christian principle, and that the law cuts no figure in the question. I will add here that we have in our little city of 2,000 people six saloons running every day in the year, also about six churches, one holding services once a week, one twice in the month, and four once in a month. This is the saloon and church condition at this place.

Three Beers a Day.
Three beers a day for a year would buy one barrel of flour, 20 pounds of corn starch, 10 pounds of macaroni, 10 quarts of beans, 4 twelve pound hams, 1 bushel sweet potatoes, 3 bushels Irish potatoes, 10 pounds of coffee, 10 pounds of raisins, 10 pounds of rice, 20 pounds of crackers, 100 bars of soap, 12 twelve pound turkeys, 5 quarts of cranberries, 10 bunches of celery, 10 pounds of prunes, 4 dozen oranges, 10 pounds of mixed nuts, four big barrels heaped up; and in the bottom of the last barrel a purse with two pockets. In one pocket a five-dollar gold piece marked "A dress for mother;" in the other pocket a ten-dollar bill marked "to buy shoes for the children."

Roann Still Without a Saloon.
The Wabash county board of commissioners has rejected the application for liquor license of Charles Parmenter of Roann, says a Wabash, Ind., dispatch to the Indianapolis News. This is the twelfth saloon applicant knocked out by the temperance people of Paw Paw township, and Roann is yet without a saloon.

The far-seeing man is not apt to rush into things blindly.

Marquise da Medici.
The Marquise da Medici, whom Major Eldridge of the Eighth Massachusetts regiment is to marry, is a descendant of old Leonardo Da Medici, patron of art and learning, and of all the other great Medici who made the Florence of old the greatest city of the day. Major Eldridge is now on the ocean en route to Italy. The mother of the marquise was Edith Story, daughter of W. W. Story, the American sculptor.

When the Head is Injured.
In all injuries to the head the patient must be in a state of complete quiet. Ice water should be kept constantly about the head and the room should be somewhat darkened. The head should be elevated, placed upon rather firm pillows instead of soft ones. The dressing about the head should be just enough to support and protect the wound from draughts of cold, without being heating.

It stands to reason that the court room is a fine place.

The worm that is trodden upon believes that one good turn deserves another.

The only opening that some people ever expect is that supplied by the grave digger.

FROM BRYAN'S OWN CITY

Come a Startling Story—An Open Letter That Will Cause a Sensation.
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 8.—(Special).—At No. 2115 O street, this city, is the B. & M. wallpaper house. "B. & M." are the initial letters of the proprietors, Mr. A. C. Bonser and Mr. O. E. Myer. The senior partner, Mr. Bonser, is a well-known and highly respected citizen, and no one has ever doubted his truthfulness. It is, therefore, the pronounced opinion in Lincoln and the state generally that the significant and very strong statements made in Mr. Bonser's letter will go unchallenged. After explaining his willingness that the matter be given the fullest possible publicity in the public interest, Mr. Bonser proceeds:

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Isaac Brock.

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Every little girl thinks she would like to grow up and marry a man who keeps a candy store.

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